GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Mid-Day Meal Scheme
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of schools and children covered under mid-day meal scheme during the last two years and the current year, year-wise and State-wise;
(b) the steps taken by the Government for encouraging the States, including Tamil Nadu, which are performing well in the implementation of mid-day meal scheme;
(c) whether the Government has received proposal from States including Maharashtra for reimbursement of amounts spent under the scheme which has been more than their share and if so, the details thereof along with the action proposed by the Government in this regard; and
(d) whether the Government has decided to include fruits as part of the mid-day meal scheme and if so, the details thereof including the response thereto from the States and the students?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)

(a): The year-wise and State-wise details of the number of children and institutions covered under mid-day meal scheme during the last two years and the current year are given at Annexure.
(b): As per Mid Day Meal Scheme Guidelines, there is no provision for performance based incentive structure for the States and UTs. However, the performance of States and UTs is regularly monitored through various mechanisms such as Joint Review Missions, Regional Workshops and the Programme Approval Board. The findings in such reviews are shared with States & UTs for taking corrective action on the deficiencies reported in the implementation of the scheme. Further, the best and innovative practices of States/UTs are shared with other States/UTs and they are encouraged to adopt or adapt the same.
(c): No, Madam.
(d): No, Madam. However, several States /UTs are providing fruits to the eligible children under Mid Day Meal Scheme from their own resources
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